

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 16, 2004 at 2 p.m. to hold a Nominations Hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at 10 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a Business Meeting on pending committee matters, to be followed immediately by an oversight hearing on the implementation in Native American communities of the "No Child Left Behind Act."

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs also be authorized to meet again on Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at 2 p.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 1996, the Oglala Sioux Tribe Angostura Irrigation Project Rehabilitation and Development Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, June 16, 2004 at 10 a.m., on "Judicial Nominations" in the Dirksen Office Building, Room 226.

Witness List:

Panel I: Senators.

Panel II: Richard A. Griffin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit; and David W. McKeague, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Panel III: Virginia Maria Hernandez Covington, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Sandra Wilkinson, a detailee from the Department of Justice assigned to the Judiciary Committee, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the debate on the Leahy amendment with regard to war profiteering.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to Roberto Alvarez from my office during consideration of this legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, on behalf of Senator

BINGAMAN, that during the pendency of the DOD authorization bill, S. 2400, Sherrick Roanhorse and Rebecca Wilcox, interns on Senator BINGAMAN's staff, be given the privilege of the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader pursuant to Public Law 107-252, Title II, Section 214, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Election Assistance Board of Advisors: Wesley R. Kliner, Jr. of Tennessee.

The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader pursuant to Public Law 108-176, Section 411(b)(1)(B), appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the National Commission of Small Community Air Service: Philip H. Trenary of Tennessee.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF
SECRECY

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Injunction of Secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on June 16, 2004, by the President of the United States:

Agreement with Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Treaty Document 108-24).

I further ask that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (the "Agreement"), done at Seattle, November 21, 2003. I am also enclosing, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Secretary of State on the Agreement.

The Agreement establishes, for the first time, agreed percentage shares of the transboundary stock of Pacific hake, also known as Pacific whiting. It also creates a process through which U.S. and Canadian scientists and fisheries managers will recommend the total catch of Pacific hake each year, to be divided by a set percentage formula. Stakeholders from both countries will have significant input into this process.

The Agreement not only allows the Parties to redress the overfishing that has led to a recent decline in stock levels, but also provides long-term sta-

bility for U.S. fishers and processors and a structure for future scientific collaboration.

The recommended legislation necessary to implement the Agreement will be submitted separately to the Congress.

I recommend that the Senate give favorable consideration to this Agreement and give its advice and consent to ratification at an early date.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF
RAY CHARLES TO THE WORLD
OF MUSIC

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 381, introduced earlier today by Senator NELSON of Florida.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution by title. The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 381) recognizing the accomplishments and significant contributions of Ray Charles to the world of music.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, today I rise on behalf of myself, the Senior Senator from Florida, BOB GRAHAM, and my esteemed colleagues from Georgia, Senators ZELL MILLER and SAXBY CHAMBLISS, to commend to my colleagues a resolution commemorating Ray Charles for his great contributions to the world of music and culture.

It is with great sadness that as our Nation mourned the death of former President Reagan, we received the news that this great and talented musician, Ray Charles, succumbed to liver disease at age 73.

Ray Charles was born in Albany, GA on September 23, 1930, but he made Florida his home for many years. As a baby he moved with his family to Greenville, FL where he developed an early appreciation for music. There are stories from friends and family telling how at age 3 he began playing the piano, and showed a strong interest in music.

Ray Charles wasn't born blind, but lost his sight to a childhood illness. His mother, Aretha Robinson, enrolled him in the St. Augustine School for the Deaf and Blind, where he learned not only how to read and write Braille, but learned how to write music, and plan the piano, clarinet, trumpet and saxophone. In the late 1940s, after graduating from St. Augustine's, Ray Charles left Florida and began to work in honing his craft full time. And, as they say, the rest is history.

Ray Charles began recording in the 1950's, experiencing success on the musical charts that culminated in his winning the first of many Grammy Music Awards in 1960 for Georgia on My Mind. This great song was adopted in 1979 by the State of Georgia as their State song.

Ray Charles received eleven additional Grammy Awards, with the last of these awards coming in 1993.